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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/8/03
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 18-27 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,604,537. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both the instant invention and patent teach a pair of foldable panels removably attached at adjacent edges thereof via stitching and sleeves.

Claims 18-22 and 24-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17-19, 21, 23 and 24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,209,557. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both the instant invention and patent teach a pair of foldable panels removably attached at adjacent edges thereof via sleeves.

Claims 18, 20-22, 24 and 25 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, and 6-8 of

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U.S. Patent No. 6,155,281. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both the instant invention and patent teach a pair of foldable panels removably attached at adjacent edges thereof.

Claims 18-22 and 24-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 8 and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 5,778,915. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both the instant invention and patent teach a pair of foldable panels removably attached at adjacent edges thereof via sleeves.

Claims 18-22 and 24-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 and 9-12 of U.S. Patent No. 5,579,799. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both the instant invention and patent teach a pair of foldable panels removably attached at adjacent edges thereof via sleeves.

Claims 18, 20-25 and 27 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,360,761. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both the instant invention and patent teach a pair of foldable panels removably attached at adjacent edges thereof via stitching.

Claims 18-22 and 24-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2 and 5 of U.S. Patent No. 5,560,385. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both the instant invention and patent teach a pair of foldable panels removably attached at adjacent edges thereof via sleeves.

Claims 18, 20-22, 24 and 25 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 4 and 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,461,257. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both the instant invention and patent teach a pair of foldable panels removably attached at adjacent edges thereof.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 18, 19, 21, 22 and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Foster. Foster teaches a collapsible structure (Figs. 1 and 2) comprised of a side member (upstanding members 22,23) and base member (horizontal members 22,23), each including a foldable frame member and having fabric there over. The side and bottom members being hingedly attached at their bottom/side respectively via sleeves (33) and fold on top of each other. Note: limitations found in "for"/intended use

statements having been given no weight in the claims. Also, connected features always start out separate and can always be separated.

Claims 18-22 and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Springer. Springer teaches a collapsible structure (Fig. 3) comprised of a side member (14) and base member (16), each including a foldable frame member (32,34) and having fabric there over. The side and bottom members being hingedly attached at their bottom/side respectively via sleeves (36) and fold on top of each other. Note: limitations found in "for"/intended use statements having been given no weight in the claims. Also, connected features always start out separate and can always be separated.

Claims 18-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Norman. Norman teaches a collapsible structure (Fig. 1; laying one member 102 on the floor) comprised of a side member (102) and base member (102 member on floor), each including a foldable frame member and having fabric there over. The side and bottom members being hingedly attached at their bottom/side respectively via sleeves and stitching (see Fig. 8) and fold on top of each other. Note: limitations found in "for"/intended use statements having been given no weight in the claims. Also, connected features always start out separate and can always be separated.

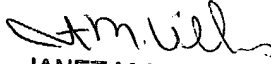
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet M. Wilkens whose telephone number is (703) 308-2204. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (703) 308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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